(b) Opposition to military blocs has been a part of the concept of non-alignment which stands vindicated by the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact. The dissolution of COMECON will have no effect on the movement.

New methods adopted by Pak-trained militants to infiltrate into the border areas

1521. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan-trained militants have adopted new methods to infiltrate into the country by crosing the Sriganganagar border in Rajasthan undetected by the B.S.F.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated number of militants suspected to have crossed the Sriganganagar border; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Grvernment to check the same and to identify their contacts of the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No particular new methods of infiltration, being adopted by the intruders, which cannot be countered by the BSF, have come to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not possible to estimate the number of militants suspected to have crossed the Sriganganagar border since any such estimate will be hypothetical. However, 7 infiltrators were apprehended by BSF on the International Border in Sriganganagar-Bikaner Districts of Rajasthan during 1991 (upto 30th June 1991).

(d) All possible measures have been taken by Government to check entry of infiltrators. More border out-posts have been established. Additional observation. post-towers have been constructed. BSF have been equipped with additional vehicles for intensive patrolling and sophisticated equipments like telescopic binoculors for detection of inflitrators.

Kashmiri militants on Indo-Pak border

1522. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India of May 18, 1991 to the effect that 5000 to 6000 trained Kashmiri militants were amassed along the border to be pushed into Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent them from carrying out their militant and terrorist designs and to keep a track on their movements; and

(c) with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Besides, stepping up vigil on the border, dusk to dawn curfew has been clamped in the 5km. belt along the border and line of control, Intelligence set up has been beefed up, Distributed Areas Act and Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act have been enforced in the border districts, Operations against infiltration are conducted by the Army, para military forces and the State Police in close co-ordination.